



# YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## District Newsletter

### Upcoming Dates



### 2023-24 School Calendar

#### District Website

**YCHS Food Pantry**  
Perishables  
Non-Perishables  
Toiletries



Open every school day  
**7:30am-2:30pm**  
Available for Ypsilanti residents,  
students, or staff.  
Temerson6@ycschool.us or (734) 221-1014  
with any questions or concerns.

### District Leadership

**Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross**  
Superintendent

**Dr. Carlos Lopez**  
Assistant Superintendent

**Sue McCarty**  
Human Resources

**Damien Butler**  
Director of Business & Finance

Dear Grizzly Family,

Winter Break is here! Our schools will be closed for Winter Break from December 25th to January 5th. We know how much everyone looks forward to this time of year. It gives us a break from our busy schedules, time with loved ones, and an opportunity to rest, rejuvenate, and prepare for the New Year!

We are halfway through the school year and our students are making great progress. I'm proud of our hardworking teachers, staff, and students for their contributions to this success.

It is with great enthusiasm that we enter into the 2024 year. There are so many things that we are excited about.

- Just this week, Governor Gretchen Whitmer relieved the debt from the consolidation! This relief will positively impact our schools.
- We'll have four Magnet Schools - Ford, Holmes, YCMS, and YCHS.
- Our district continues to be at the forefront of innovation as our leaders and staff utilize Artificial Intelligence to enhance teaching and learning.
- Our partnerships with Toyota's Driving Possibilities and Washtenaw Community College's D3C3 will provide our scholars with greater opportunities.
- And there's so much more to come!

At YCS, we remain dedicated to providing an exceptional education for all students and will continue to explore innovative programs and initiatives to enhance their learning experiences.

Keep in mind that COVID-19 is still present. If you or a family member is feeling ill, we encourage you/them to seek testing, isolate, and wear a multilayer surgical, KN95, or N95 mask.

We hope that you have a wonderful Winter Break! We look forward to seeing our scholars on Monday, January 8th!

**Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross**  
Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to our amazing Grizzly Staff who have been recently recognized in the community.

**Chris Sturdivant**  
YCS Bus Driver

**Charlotte Tillerson**  
A.C.C.E. Teacher Consultant  
& Teacher Union President

**Chris Sturdivant** was recognized by the WISD Head Start program for meeting and exceeding the mission everyday! Chris was honored at the inaugural Head Start Awards held at the Washtenaw County Board of Education meeting.

At A.C.C.E.'s Annual Thanksgiving Feast, Teacher Consultant and Teachers Union President **Charlotte Tillerson** was honored by having their food pantry named after her. Mrs. Tillerson is a valued member of our community, showing support to our students and staff by being present at school and showcasing what it means to be 'Stronger Together.'





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### Roadmap Educator of the Week

**"(Roadmaps) has helped me both incorporate digital learning into the students' curriculum and train them on how to use the curriculum in a way that isn't just browsing the internet."**

MELANIE ECCLES

FIFTH GRADE  
YPSILANTI  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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MICHIGAN MEDICINE

REGIONAL ALLIANCE FOR  
HEALTHY SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

VISION & DENTAL SERVICES  
RAHS-MOBILE UNIT



#### SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Vision & Dental Care
- Referrals for Community Resources
- Interpreter Services available

Please bring a signed consent (available at umhs-rahs.org) or a parent with you to your appointment. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 734-998-4483.

#### INTERPRETERS & DOCUMENT TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE

Si tiene usted preguntas, por favor, contacte con el personal del centro de salud al 877-810-4719

وإذا كان لديك أي استفسارات، يرجى الاتصال بمركز الرعاية الصحية على الرقم 877-810-4719

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We are open to all school-age youth 21 years old and younger. You do not need to be a registered student at these schools to receive services. We accept insured and uninsured patients, regardless of ability to pay.



### Holiday Hours

All YDL Locations will be **CLOSED** on

**Christmas Eve (observed),  
Christmas holiday weekend,  
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

Friday, December 22—Monday, December 25

**New Year's Eve (observed), New  
Year's holiday weekend, New  
Year's Eve & New Year's Day**

Friday, December 29—Monday,

January 1, 2024



Thank you!  
Community Partners



235 Spencer lane  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

AE CITY OF HOPE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

### FREE FOOD & CLOTHING

Each month we distribute food and clothing to the community through AE City of Hope Food & Clothing Pantry.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**YPSILANTI LOCATION**  
EVERY 1st & 3rd SATURDAY  
10:30 am - 11:30 am \*while supplies last

**Need help finding employment?**  
We offer career training and job placement services.

SCAN OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO:  
CLICK ON JOBS

AE CITY OF HOPE  
SERVICES FOR ALL  
FOOD- CLOTHING- HOUSING- EDUCATION- JOB TRAINING- COUNSELING

**YCMS PRESENTS:**

**YOUTH IN ACTION**  
A civic engagement opportunity:  
Youth-led Educational Forum on the job of:

**WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF**  
Featuring YCMS Youth Leaders:

Alyshia Dyer

Derrick Jackson

Ken Magee

Taleiah

Mykah

Alannah

Genesis

SaRayla

Devontre

If you would like to attend the event, **REGISTER** here:

Donations can be made to support the event:

Thanks also to our sponsors:  
One Love Symposium; One Single Rose; Caroline Sanders; Mentor2Youth; Second Baptist Church of Ypsilanti

YCMS Choir & Band Performances!!

Thursday, February 22nd 6-8pm  
Morris Lawrence Building  
4800 E. Huron River Drive  
Ann Arbor MI 48108